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Class not creed! Workers' unity against sectarian Orangeism!

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Orange marches have nothing to do with Protestant culture or identity and have everything to do with whipping up sectarian divisions between Catholic and Protestant.

The RUC have also shown their true colours by allowing the Orange marches through places such as Drumcree and the Lower Ormeau Rd and attacking those protesting against the Orange Order.

But it is not only Catholics who suffer at the hands of the Orangemen. Ordinary Protestant workers have been attacked and intimidated by the Orangemen if they protested or failed to show enough enthusiasm for the marches.

Catholics and Protestants have far more in common than divides them. If the Orangemen succeed in further dividing Catholic and Protestant it is workers on both "sides" who will suffer. Sectarian divisions have also made it easier for the Tories to attacks the jobs wages and conditions of all workers in the North.

The Socialist Workers Party has helped organise the *United Against Bigotry* Unity Demo in Derry this Thursday. This march has the backing of the Derry Trades Council and is a united demonstation of Catholic and Protestant workers against sectarian Orange marches and sectarian attacks on Catholics or Protestants.

We in the SWP believe Protestant and Catholic need to stand united against the Orange bigots and the RUC. This is issue is not about one community against another but about opposing anything that weakens or divides the working class.

As well as standing up to Orangeism, we also need to challenge the bankruptcy of Republican and nationalist politics.

Some Sinn Fein councillors are now calling for a boycott of Protestant businesses. This is a disgraceful move that is based on the idea that all Protestants are the enemy and that Catholic business that pay workers £2 per hour are somehow better because they are on "our" side.

The pan-nationalist strategy of looking to the southern government offers nothing. If all the lobbying of the British by Fine Gael or Fianna Fail couldn't even win the rerouting of the Druncree march, what hope is there of anything more substantial from these people?

The other Republican road is armed struggle. This would only raise sectarian tensions to a fever pitch throwing thousands of Protestant workers into the hands of the UVF and UDA.

It would obliterate the solidarity that has grown in the South with the resistance to Orangeism. And in the end, all the suffering would be only designed to win Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness a better seat at the negotiating table.

Uniting Catholic and Protestant workers against both Tory attacks on jobs and services and against Orange bigotry is the key to breaking the impasse in the North.

This is why the SWP has been central to organising the only united march of Catholics and Protestants against sectarian parades.

It is also why we are building a socialist party that can forge real unity between Catholic and Protestant workers in the fight for a different kind of society.

Protest at the Apprentice Boys' March in Derry

Bus leaves outside The Young Traveller, St Mary's Place, Near Wax Museum 6.00pm Fri 9th Aug. Fare £5 Get tickets from *Socialist Worker* sellers on tonights demo

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After Unity Demo...

Drink and discussion

Dungloe Bar, Waterloo St

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PUBLIC MEETING
Can Protestant and Catholic workers unite?
Tuesday 13th Aug 8.pm
Playhouse Theatre, Artillery St

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